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SUBJ: LETTER TO MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON

REF: A. STATE 39185 B. MEXICO 1680 C. STATE 37194

1. IN VIEW OF THOMPSON'S REMARKS AS REPORTED IN REFS B AND C, THE
EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO TRANSMIT THE SEC-
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RETARY'S LETTER AS INSTRUCTED REF A. THOMPSON HAS BEEN SEVERLY

CRITICISED BY THE PRESS FOR HIS REMARKS. THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS AWARE OF THE SUBSTANCES OF REFS B AND C IS MUCH EMBARRASSED BY THOMPSON'S BEHAVIOR AT THE MFM AND SO ALSO ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF WELL-MEANING JAMAICANS.

2. THE GOJ IS ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT A DENIAL FROM THOMPSON OF THE REMARKS CONTAINED IN REF C BUT, AS HE PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY FROM MEXICO CITY TO ADDIS ABABA FOR AN OAU MEETING, IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT US INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY A LETTER TO MICHAEL MANLEY AS MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. BEGIN TEXT: "EXCELLENCY: WHILE BEING OBLIGED TO TRAVEL AGAIN TO THE MIDDLE EAST, I AM STILL GIVING THOUGHT TO THE MEETINGS IN MEXICO CITY AND THE IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED THERE. IT DOES SEEM TO ME THAT THE FRANK AND STIMULATING EXCHANGES AMONG US BROUGHT A NEW SPIRIT TO INTER-AMERICANS DELIBERATIONS - A SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE AND UNHAMPERED DIALOGUE. THAT SPIRIT SHOULD SERVE US IN GOOD STEAD AS WE GO ON IN THE MONTHS AHEAD TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE ISSUES WE ADDRESSED AT MEXICO CITY.

" I AM ONLY SORRY THAT YOU WERE UNABLE TO BE AT THE MEETING AND THAT WE DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FUTURE MEETINGS, HOWEVER, WHEN SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY WILL PRESENT ITSELF. VERY SINCERELY,
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